

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William K. Konrad (Reg. No. 28,868) on 10/31/08.

The claims in the application have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computerized method comprising:  
attempting in a first attempt to acquire a first resource for a first task requiring both a first resource and a second resource;  
enqueueing said first task on a first wait queue for said first resource if said first attempt to acquire said first resource for said first task fails wherein said first task a first priority, and wherein said first attempt to acquire said first resource fails when a second task having said first priority in enqueued on said first wait queue for said first resource;  
acquiring in a second attempt said first resource for said first task;  
removing said first task from said first wait queue for said first resource;  
attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task;  
enqueueing said first task on a second wait queue for said second resource if said first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task fails; ~~and~~  
releasing said first resource for said first task if said first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task fails;  
attempting in a first attempt to acquire said first resource for a third task requiring said first resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority, and

1        enqueueing said third task on a third wait queue having a higher priority for said  
2        first resource than said first wait queue if said first attempt to acquire said first resource  
3        for said third task fails;

4        wherein said first attempt to acquire said first resource for said first task fails  
5        when said third task having said second priority is in enqueued on said third wait queue  
6        and wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource fails when a fourth task  
7        having said first priority in enqueued on said second wait queue for said second resource;

8        attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for a fifth task  
9        requiring said second resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority,  
10       and

11       enqueueing said fifth task on a fourth wait queue having a higher priority for said  
12       second resource than said second wait queue if said first attempt to acquire said second  
13       resource for said fifth task fails;

14       wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task fails  
15       when said fifth task having said second priority is in enqueued on said fourth wait queue;

16       acquiring in a third attempt said first resource for said first task;

17       attempting to acquire in a second attempt said second resource for said first task;

18       and

19       releasing said first resource for said first task if said second attempt to acquire  
20       said second resource for said task fails.

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22       2-6. (Cancelled)

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24       7. (Currently amended) The method of claim [5] 1 further comprising:

25       acquiring in a ~~third~~ fourth attempt said first resource for said first task;

26       acquiring in a ~~second~~ third attempt said second resource for said first task;

27       removing said first task from said second wait queue for said second resource;

28       and

1           dispatching said first task to be completed using said first and second resources.

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4           8. (Currently amended) A computerized method comprising:

5           attempting in a first attempt to acquire a first resource for a task requiring both a  
6 first resource and a second resource;

7           enqueueing said task on a first queue if said first attempt to acquire said first  
8 resource for said task fails;

9           acquiring in a second attempt said first resource for said task;

10          removing said task from said first queue;

11          attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for said task;

12          enqueueing said task on a second queue if said first attempt to acquire said second  
13 resource for said task fails; and

14          releasing said first resource for said task if said first attempt to acquire said  
15 second resource for said task fails;

16          wherein said first task has a first priority, and wherein said first attempt to acquire  
17 said first resource fails when a second task having said first priority is enqueued on said  
18 first queue;

19          attempting in a first attempt to acquire said first resource for a third task requiring  
20 said first resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority, and

21          enqueueing said third task on a third queue if said first attempt to acquire said first  
22 resource for said third task fails;

23          wherein said first attempt to acquire said first resource for said first task fails

24 when said third task having said second priority is in enqueued on said third queue; and

25          wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource fails when a fourth task  
26 having said first priority is enqueued on said second queue;

1 attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for a fifth task  
2 requiring said second resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority,  
3 and  
4 enqueueing said fifth task on a fourth queue if said first attempt to acquire said  
5 second resource for said fifth task fails;  
6 wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task fails  
7 when said fifth task having said second priority is in enqueued on said fourth queue;  
8 acquiring in a third attempt said first resource for said first task;  
9 acquiring in a second attempt said second resource for said first task;  
10 removing said first task from said second queue;  
11 dispatching said first task to be completed using said first and second resources;  
12 finding another task enqueued on one of said second and fourth queues for said  
13 second resource;  
14 acquiring said first resource for said other task;  
15 attempting to acquire said second resource for said other task;  
16 removing said other task from its queue if said attempt to acquire said second  
17 resource for said other task succeeds;  
18 dispatching said other task to be completed using said first and second resources  
19 if said attempt to acquire said second resource for said other task succeeds; and  
20 releasing said first resource for said other task if said attempt to acquire said  
21 second resource for said other task fails.

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23 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said ~~third~~ fourth  
24 attempt is initiated by the second resource becoming free.

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26 10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said ~~third~~ fourth  
27 attempt is initiated by the first resource becoming free.

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1           11. (Currently amended) A computerized method comprising:  
2           attempting in a first attempt to acquire a first resource for a task requiring both a  
3           first resource and a second resource;  
4           enqueueing said task on a first queue if said first attempt to acquire said first  
5           resource for said task fails;  
6           acquiring in a second attempt said first resource for said task;  
7           removing said task from said first queue;  
8           attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for said task;  
9           enqueueing said task on a second queue if said first attempt to acquire said second  
10          resource for said task fails; and  
11          releasing said first resource for said task if said first attempt to acquire said  
12          second resource for said task fails;  
13          wherein said first task has a first priority, and wherein said first attempt to acquire  
14          said first resource fails when a second task having said first priority is enqueued on said  
15          first queue;  
16          attempting in a first attempt to acquire said first resource for a third task requiring  
17          said first resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority, and  
18          enqueueing said third task on a third queue if said first attempt to acquire said first  
19          resource for said third task fails;  
20          wherein said first attempt to acquire said first resource for said first task fails  
21          when said third task having said second priority is in enqueued on said third queue; and  
22          wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource fails when a fourth task  
23          having said first priority is enqueued on said second queue;  
24          attempting in a first attempt to acquire said second resource for a fifth task  
25          requiring said second resource and having a second priority higher than said first priority,  
26          and  
27          enqueueing said fifth task on a fourth queue if said first attempt to acquire said  
28          second resource for said fifth task fails;

1 wherein said first attempt to acquire said second resource for said first task fails  
2 when said fifth task having said second priority is in enqueued on said fourth queue;  
3 acquiring in a third attempt said first resource for said first task;  
4 acquiring in a second attempt said second resource for said first task;  
5 removing said first task from said second queue;  
6 dispatching said first task to be completed using said first and second resources;  
7 after all tasks have been removed from said second and fourth queues, finding a  
8 next task enqueued on one of said first and third queues for said first resource;  
9 acquiring said first resource for said next task ;  
10 attempting to acquire said second resource for said next task;  
11 removing said next task from its queue if said attempt to acquire said second  
12 resource for said next task succeeds;  
13 dispatching said next task to be completed using said first and second resources if  
14 said attempt to acquire said second resource for said next task succeeds; and  
15 releasing said first resource for said next task if said attempt to acquire said  
16 second resource for said next task fails.

18                    12-30. (cancelled)

20 *Conclusion*

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